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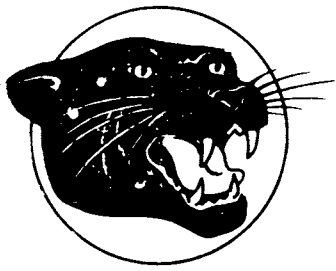
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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Dec. 9-16)

Thursday, Dec. 9 MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Lewis University (7:30, Lantz)

Friday, Dec. 10 WRESTLING hosts SIU-Edwardsville (7:00, McAfee Gym)
Women's Swimming at Ball State

Saturday, Dec. 11 Men's Basketball at SIU-Carbondale (7:30)
MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING hosts Purdue (1:00, Lantz Pool)

Monday, Dec. 13 Men's Basketball at Missouri (8:00)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Dec. 3-4)

FOOTBALL: One of the greatest seasons in EIU history came to a dramatic finish Saturday when the Panthers were edged by Tennessee State 20-19 in the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals. It was the only loss of the season for Eastern which finished 11-1-1 and ranked No. 5 in the final I-AA poll. Jeff Christensen (Gibson City) threw two TD passes of six and nine yards to Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins). Dave Strauch (Hinsdale-Central) kicked field goals of 36 and 44 yards. However Strauch's missed extra point attempt after the final TD left EIU one point short.

(NOTE TO MEDIA --- individual hometown stories on football players will be mailed this week.)

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The Panthers are still seeking their first victory after losing to Ohio Valley Conference teams Morehead State (72-65) and Eastern Kentucky (92-79) last weekend. Kevin Jones (Indianapolis, IN-Kankakee CC) paced the attack with 15 and 25 points, respectively. The Panthers are 0-3.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Winning its second tournament in two weeks, the Lady Panthers won the Chicago State Invitational defeating Northeastern Illinois (92-37), Chicago State (96-54) and Missouri-St. Louis (93-62) boosting their record to 6-0. Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica), Melanie Hatfield (Lawrenceburg, IN) and Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East) were chosen to the All-Tournament team. Kassebaum scored 42 points in the three games, Hatfield, a 5-5 guard, netted 40 and Collins had 33. Kassebaum, EIU's all-time career scoring leader with 1648 points, is averaging 18 points followed by Collins at 16.2. The women are averaging 88 points a game shooting 51% from the field.

WRESTLING: The Panthers dominated the Illini Open winning six weight classes and taking second in two others Saturday at Champaign. Derek Porter (Mims, FL-Titusville) was voted the meet's 'Most Outstanding Wrestler' by easily winning all four matches at 126. Mark Ruettiger (Joliet-Providence) had the most falls in the shortest amount of time. He pinned three in four matches including falls in nine and 52 seconds. Other champs were Mitch Sheppard (Palatine) at 118, Dan Sanko (Ingleside-Grant) at 158, Mark Gronowski (Titusville, FL) at 167 and Dennis McCormick (Springfield) at 177. Bob Ryan (Wooddale-Fenton) and Duane Clark (Shellrock, IA-Waldorf CC) were second at 142 and heavyweight, respectively.